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NATIONAL BROILER MARKET AT-A-GLANCE



Majority prices were generally unchanged in the East and Midwest, but lower in the West when compared to a week earlier. Trade sentiment was steady with some caution noted. Retail demand was slightly improved for the weekend, but still only fair. Food service interest was in a full range, but best into fast food outlets where specials were in progress. Supplies of all sizes were usually sufficient to satisfy trade needs, although 3 to 3.5 pounds were in the best position. In the parts structure, demand was only fair with traders keeping floor stock in close balance for anticipated needs. GIBLETS were seasonally tight, other items were mixed, but overall at least adequate to available. In production areas, live supplies were moderate at weights in a full range.

Preliminary report Prices negotiated for trucklot sales of ready-to-cook broiler/fryers fob and delivered to first receivers at major market areas week of 30-OCT-2006 (cents per lb)

US GRADE A

AREAS	MAJORITY	RANGE	WTD AVG	LOADS
(Including branded product)				
Delivered to First Receivers				
Chicago	57.00-60.00	50.00-67.00	59.57	28
New York	60.00-63.00			
Los Angeles	76.00			
Southeast Area FOB Dock Equivalent				
Mississippi	65.00-67.00	53.00-71.00	67.30	93

GEORGIA F.O.B. DOCK PRICES Georgia f.o.b. dock quoted price on broilers/fryers for this week's trading is 69.25 cents based on ice-packed USDA grade "A" sized 2 1/2 to 3 pound birds.

PRELIMINARY FOB DOCK OR EQUIVALENT

LOADS	RANGE	FRIDAY PRELIM. WTD. AVG.
954	63.00-71.00	68.36
Georgia f.o.b. dock confirmed preliminary weighted average price on ice-packed parts:		
	WTD. AVG.	VOLUME
LINE RUN TENDERS	148.50	830
BREASTS - B/S	115.50	4,879
BREASTS - WHOLE	74.00	1,149
THIGH MEAT - B/S	78.50	787
LEG QUARTERS	28.50	6,304
WINGS	89.00	2,096

This information is supplied by the Georgia Department of Agriculture's Poultry Market News Service.

SOUTHERN BROILER Majority prices in the West were generally trending lower. However, majority prices in the Midwest and East were usually unchanged, but softness was reported. Demand going into the weekend was light to fair and somewhat limited to regular commitments. Floor stocks were irregular, with interest slow on any additional offerings. Overall, 3 to 3.5 pound whole product was short to barely adequate, other sizes were usually adequate to available for trade needs. In the parts structure, movement was generally no better than fair. Supplies of all items were adequate to ample and often competitive prices. In production areas, live supplies were moderate at desirable to heavy, mostly desirable weights.

NORTHEAST BROILER/FRYERS Trucklot buying activity on ready-to-cook whole broiler/fryers was generally light to fair entering the weekend. Offerings were adequate to fully adequate on 3.5 and smaller sizes; heavier sizes were at least adequate to ample. Retail and distributive movement was mostly fair. The market tone was steady. In the parts complex, boneless skinless breasts and tenders were at least adequate; bone-in breasts were readily available and slow to clear. Dark meat cuts ranged adequate to ample with thighs and drums in the longest position. Wings were fully sufficient for current needs.

WESTERN REGION BROILER/FRYERS Preliminary majority prices were 1 cent lower throughout the region. The market tone mixed. Trading reported for next week's deliveries at generally lower prices on regular commitments and unchanged to somewhat higher on new negotiations. Offerings were barely adequate on sized product and fully adequate on balance. Retailer demand was light to moderate, best where featured. Dealers anticipated fair weekend carryovers. Trade sentiments were barely steady on parts with dark meat in the weakest position.

MIDWEST REGION BROILER/FRYERS Preliminary majority prices for next week's trade into the Chicago area were unchanged. Whole broiler/fryer market tone was mostly steady, instances firm on 2 3/4 to 3 1/2 pound birds. Offerings mixed with 2 3/4 to 3 1/2 pound birds tight and all other weights fully available. Retail movement was unchanged from previous trade period, generally slow to light. Food service demand mostly moderate, occasionally good into some locations for weekend sporting events. Floor stocks were in a full range; weights mixed. Parts offerings were more limited as packers had cleared most of the current product for the weekend. Trade on parts remained limited and selective as buyers were generally disinterested. The market tone was mostly steady on all parts.

DELMARVA BROILER/FRYERS Movement of ready-to-cook whole birds was seasonally light to fair entering the weekend. Seller offerings were adequate to fully adequate and clearing satisfactorily on the 2.50 through 3.50 pound sizes; fully adequate to ample and competitively priced on 4.00 pound weights. Live supplies were moderate; weights were mostly desirable to heavy. Processor schedules were moderately heavy and included spot operations on Saturday. Less than trucklot asking prices were unchanged at 61 to 73 cents. Trade sentiment was steady. In the parts complex, offerings were at least adequate for immediate delivery.

*BROILER/FRYER CURRENT NEGOTIATED PRICES FOR IMMEDIATE DELIVERY INCLUDES MOSTLY MULTIPLE-DROP SHIPMENTS OF BRANDED AND WING TAGGED TO NEW YORK CITY FROM DELMARVA.

BRANDED U.S. GRADE A

RANGE	60-74
WEIGHTED AVERAGE	(A)
NO. OF BOXES	(A)
CUMULATIVE	(A)
	10/23/06 - 10/27/06
	10/24/05 - 10/28/05
NO. OF BOXES	(A)
	10/23/06 - 10/27/06
	10/24/05 - 10/28/05
	(A)

(A) NOT REPORTED TO AVOID DISCLOSING INDIVIDUAL OPERATIONS

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SOUTHERN STATES BROILER/FRYER PARTS

OCT 27

POUNDS					POUNDS					WEEKLY	
ITEM	(000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG	(000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG	(000)	WTD AVG	
BREAST - B/S	610	83.00-165.00	-	95.47	560	85.00-166.00	-	97.31	3,210	95.00	
TENDERLOINS		TOO FEW TO REPORT				TOO FEW TO REPORT			845	91.62	
BREAST - LINE RUN		TOO FEW TO REPORT				TOO FEW TO REPORT			417	73.17	
FRONT HALVES		TOO FEW TO REPORT				TOO FEW TO REPORT			290	54.26	
LEGS	198	30.00-41.00	30-31	31.66	129	29.00-41.00	30-31	31.14	966	31.16	
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	548	19.00-29.00	23-24	23.89	558	20.00-29.00	23-24	23.79	2,835	23.64	
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	864	20.00-31.00	25	25.07	919	21.00-31.00	25-26	25.24	3,850	25.09	
WINGS (WHOLE)	293	72.00-93.00	-	80.03	293	70.00-85.00	74-78	79.11	1,520	78.16	
WINGS (CUT)	265	89.00-100.00	-	96.15	275	90.00-100.00	92-95	97.05	1,470	95.11	
DRUMSTICKS		TOO FEW TO REPORT				TOO FEW TO REPORT			341	28.08	
THIGHS		TOO FEW TO REPORT				TOO FEW TO REPORT			253	29.63	
B/S THIGHS		TOO FEW TO REPORT				TOO FEW TO REPORT			277	77.90	

WHOLE BODY INDEX BASED ON SOUTHERN STATES PARTS*****
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TRADING FOR OCT 26, 2006 -- F.O.B. DOCK.

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RANGE	TODAY'S AVERAGE
38.00 - 42.50	39.45

RANGE	TODAY'S AVERAGE	5-DAY AVERAGE
36.50 - 43.00	39.40	38.91

The Index is intended solely as an indicator of values for commodity-type product and does not represent industry's willingness to sell or ability to buy.

NORTHEAST BROILER/FRYER PARTS - Trucklot buying interest increased slightly under normal weekend demand but was still noted as no better than fair as dealers kept floorstocks in close balance with immediate needs. Offerings of boneless skinless breasts, tenders and most dark meat cuts were at least adequate for current needs; bone-in breasts were at least adequate to available. Wings were at least sufficient for current needs. Movement through retail and distributive channels was fair. The market tone was about steady for boneless skinless breasts and tenders; barely steady for bone-in breasts. The balance of items were mostly steady.

ICE PACKED BROILER/FRYER PARTS, DELIVERED TO FIRST RECEIVERS IN POOL TRUCKLOT AND TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES, CENTS PER POUND.

OCT 26

CURRENT NEGWTD

ITEM	TRADING*	AVG**	VOL/LBS
BREAST - B/S	100-105	96.25	667,040
TENDERLOINS	85-90	91.25	154,960
BREAST - WITH RIBS	69-70	73.96	93,280
BREAST - LINE RUN	69	69.47	84,600
LEGS	39-40	36.07	131,140
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	28-29	29.31	266,200
DRUMSTICKS	29-30	33.77	91,920
THIGHS	25-26	35.48	34,960
B/S THIGHS	80-81	81.90	104,600
WINGS (WHOLE)	84-85	92.20	156,500
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12	11.58	30,720
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	30-35	31.70	11,440
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	60-65	61.84	14,120

CURRENT NEGWTD

ITEM	TRADING*	AVG**	VOL/LBS	WTD AVG	VOL/LBS
BREAST - B/S	100-105	95.54	822,100	95.81	3,626,462
TENDERLOINS	85-90	88.19	215,100	91.03	964,110
BREAST - WITH RIBS	69-70	79.00	57,160	76.26	349,120
BREAST - LINE RUN	69	68.31	86,400	68.91	414,000
LEGS	39-40	36.03	283,000	35.57	1,096,620
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	28-29	30.11	281,720	29.30	1,420,545
DRUMSTICKS	29-30	34.60	101,160	34.13	473,740
THIGHS	25-26	35.87	55,400	36.44	240,800
B/S THIGHS	80-81	80.38	85,080	79.97	527,250
WINGS (WHOLE)	84-85	93.98	238,080	91.50	1,051,520
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12	11.62	20,800	11.57	118,100
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	30-35	34.10	19,263	30.63	71,623
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	60-65	64.70	21,600	60.00	129,130

INCLUDES: NY CITY METRO. AREA, NORTHERN NJ, MA, CT, RI, & PA (NORTHEAST OF HARRISBURG). * NEG. SALES AS OF 11:30 A.M.

** WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICE OF ALL GRADES AND BRANDS OF PRODUCT SHIPPED, OR TO BE SHIPPED AS OF 1:30 P.M.

ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER OF BROILER-FRYERS (IN THOUSANDS)

	ESTIMATED		ACTUAL		AVG WT		ACTUAL		AVG WTS
10/27	10/26	10/25	10/24	10/25	10/24	10/20	10/18		
Alabama	4,521	4,050	3,899	3,931	5.48	5.57	4,439	5.52	
Arkansas	4,993	5,357	5,288	5,281	5.35	5.38	5,175	5.37	
Delmarva	2,332	2,236	2,232	2,559	5.91	5.82	2,196	5.72	
KY-LA-TN	2,408	2,331	2,261	2,348	5.03	5.18	2,291	5.43	
Mississippi	2,902	2,902	2,893	2,885	5.90	5.93	3,733	5.93	
North Carolina	2,664	2,674	2,673	2,683	6.93	6.84	2,636	6.90	
Texas	2,566	2,522	2,530	2,529	5.36	5.39	2,378	6.03	
Total	22,386	22,072	21,776	21,926	5.67	5.69	22,848	5.77	
Mon-Fri	109,601(A)						109,440(A)		
Saturday	1,061(included in total for date shown)						2,211		

(A) Weekly cumulative for states listed above. Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 27-Oct-06 and 28-Oct-06 is estimated to be 33,492,000 head down 2.32 percent from a week ago and down -4.75 percent from a year ago.

(Last week 34,286,000, last year 35,164,000)

Weekly broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for the weekending 28-Oct-06 is estimated to be 164,361,000 head down 0.75 percent from a week ago, and down 0.14 percent from a year ago. (Last week 165,595,000, last year 164,585,000)

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA) PROCESSED POULTRY, DELIVERED TO RETAILERS

	RANGE
FRESH FRYERS	91-100
ROASTERS 4# & UP	99-108
HENS UNDER 5#	-
HENS OVER 5#	65-74
DUCKS	-
RABBITS-WHOLE	-
RABBITS-CUT UP	-

SAN FRANCISCO PROCESSED POULTRY DLVRD TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS

	ICE PACK	DRY PACK	RANGE
FRESH FRYERS			93-105
ROASTERS 4# & UP			110-114
	ICE PACK		98
	DRY PACK		111-118
HENS OVER 5#			86-100
	ICE PACK		100-107
	DRY PACK		190-195
DUCKS			

YOUNG CHICKENS SLAUGHTERED Under federal inspection,

Week ending 21-Oct-06

	(A) 4.25 lbs & down	(B) 4.26- 6.26 lbs	(C) 6.26- 7.75 lbs	(D) 7.76 lbs & up	Total
	Thousands				
(Preliminary)					
Head	40,896	86,979	18,971	18,749	165,595
Avg Live Wgt	3.72	5.39	6.97	8.16	5.47
% of total /1	25%	53%	11%	11%	100%
Comparisons					
Last week	40,380	81,002	21,541	18,796	161,719
Avg Live Wgt	3.77	5.49	7.00	8.19	5.61
% of total /1	25%	50%	13%	12%	100%
Year Ago 2/	42,026	81,763	28,711	11,290	163,790
Avg Live Wgt	3.75	5.38	7.00	8.21	5.44
% of total /1	26%	50%	18%	7%	100%

To date/2006 1,935,944 3,364,963 946,939 546,415 6,794,261
 To date/2005 1,983,056 3,306,049 1,120,562 368,549 6,778,216

/1 May not total to 100% due to rounding.

/2 Comparable week.

Weight Class Description:

(A) This size product is normally marketed bone-in into fast food and food service sectors and may include Cornish hens.

(B) This size product is normally marketed into the retail grocery sector in tray pack or bagged forms.

(C) This size product is normally marketed either into the retail grocery sector in tray pack and IQF form or is further processed and marketed into various sectors. (D) This size product is normally marketed deboned or as roasters or roasting chicken.

LIVE POULTRY SLTRD UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION W/E 21-Oct-06

	YOUNG CHICKENS	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS	DUCKS
	THOUSANDS				
(Preliminary)					
Head	165,595	1,068	1,532	2,600	497
Avg Wt	5.47	3.27	8.16	6.15	6.73
Last week	161,719	1,008	1,538	2,546	483
Same wk yr ago	163,790	1,060	1,515	2,575	532
Avg Wt	5.44	3.24	8.05	6.07	6.75
To-date/2006	6,794,261	45,819	62,416	108,235	21,039
To-date/2005	6,778,216	60,904	59,610	120,514	20,874

(A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based on the 2-week revised average chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier was 163.0 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period was 167.6 million head, or 4.6 million more than estimated available.

ESTIMATED U.S. FRYER SLAUGHTER/FRYER AVAILABILITY COMPARISON

WEEK ENDING	MILLION HEAD SLAUGHTERED	MILLION HEAD AVAILABLE	PCT	AVG WT
September 16	168.5	163.7	103%	5.45
23	167.8	164.6	102%	5.49
30	166.7	164.5	101%	5.49
October 7	171.8	164.2	105%	5.57
14	163.7	163.3	100%	5.61
21	167.6	162.9	103%	5.47
Year to date	6876.7	6880.5	100%	
October 28		163.3		
November 3		163.0		

BROILER/CATTLE/HOG WEEKLY ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER**Under Federal Inspection**

W/E	10/28/06	10/21/06	% CHG	10/29/05	% CHG
Broilers	164,361	165,595*	-0.75	164,585*	-0.14
Cattle	652	639	+02	630*	+03
Hogs	2,182	2,213	-01	2,152*	+01

*ACTUAL

EASTERN REGION MISCELLANEOUS POULTRY

FOR CURRENT DELIVERY FOR THE WEEK OF 23-OCT-2006

DUCKLINGS: PRICES NEGOTIATED BY FIRST RECEIVERS, US GRADE A, 4-5 POUNDS, DELIVERED IN TRUCKLOT AND POOL TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES, CENTS PER POUND

ORIGIN	FROZEN	FRESH
LONG ISLAND MOSTLY	151-155	157-161

MIDWEST MOSTLY	136-146	138-148
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ROASTERS: PRICES NEGOTIATED BY FIRST RECEIVERS, US GRADE A AND PLANT GRADE, 5 POUNDS AND UP, DELIVERED, CENTS PER POUND

	RANGE	MOSTLY
ICE PACKED (12 PER BOX)	60.00-66.00	64.00-65.00
VACUUM PACKED (6-9 PER BOX)	69.00-87.00	72.00-73.00

SQUABS: NEW YORK AREA WHOLESALE PRICES, FROZEN, PLANT GRADE, DOLLARS PER DOZEN, 1 TO 10 BOXES

12 OZ. 62.64 - 85.05

14 OZ. 69.12 - 96.39

16 OZ. 74.88 -106.73

THE EASTERN REGION INCLUDES:

CT, DE, FL, GA, MA, MD, ME, NC, NH, NJ, NY, PA RI, SC, VA, VT & WV

CENTRAL REGION DUCKLINGS Trade sentiment steady. Demand was moderate to good, improving seasonally. Supplies were balanced to adequate. Schedules full time. Prices paid to first receivers for 10-18oz boneless breast at \$4.50-5.25, bone in legs at \$1.45-2.40, gizzards at \$1.20-1.40, wings at \$.65-.70, livers at \$.95-1.70, and feet at \$.65-1.00.

DELIVERED IN TRUCKLOT AND POOL TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES, 4-5 POUNDS, WEEK OF
23-OCT-2006

ORIGIN	FROZEN	FRESH
MIDWEST AND OTHERS	122-146	130-148

GRAYSTONE SMALL ANIMAL AUCTION - October 24, 2006****AI PAPERS REQUIRED TO SELL ALL OUT OF STATE POULTRY****

Prices paid per pound, except as noted.

RANGE

Muscovy Ducks - Drakes	.50 - .60
Pullets	.50 - .60
Pekin Ducks	2.00 - 2.10 ea.
Red Fowl 4-5 LBS	.20 - .25
Red Fowl 5-6 LBS	.30 - .32
Crossbred Fowl 5-9 LBS	.25 - .30
Crossbred Roosters 4-6 LBS	.40 - .45
Crossbred Roosters 7-11 LBS	.30 - .40
Guinea Fowl	1.30 - 1.35
Banty Roosters	1.50 - 1.75 ea.
Banty Hens	.50 - 1.00 ea.
Silkie	1.50 - 1.75 ea.
Pigeons	3.00 - 3.10 ea.
White Pigeons	3.25 - 3.30 ea.
Rabbits 4-6 LBS	1.40 - 1.60
Rabbits 6-9 LBS	.80 - 1.00
Bunnies	1.50 - 3.00 ea.
Guinea Pigs	2.00 - 4.00 ea.
Muscovy Ducks - Hens	.50 - .60

Total Coops Sold 470

NATIONAL CANNER FOWL MARKET Trading on heavy canners was too few to report; unchanged on lights when compared to the previous week. Offerings were at least adequate for current needs with most available supplies of heavy canners being used internally. Demand was fair to moderate. Processing schedules were noted as normal. The undertone was steady.

CENTS PER POUND, CURRENT NEGOTIATIONS, WITHOUT FREIGHT COST

LIGHT CANNER HENS (LINE RUN WITHOUT NECKS)	HEAVY CANNER HENS (WITHOUT NECKS)
18-28 MAJORITY 23.5-24	TOO FEW SALES TO REPORT

CENTS PER POUND, CURRENT NEGOTIATIONS, FREIGHT COST INCLUDED

LIGHT CANNER HENS (LINE RUN WITHOUT NECKS)	HEAVY CANNER HENS (WITHOUT NECKS)
20-29 MAJORITY 25-26	TOO FEW SALES TO REPORT

LIGHT TYPE HENS

CENTS PER HEAD, GENERALLY FOR REMOVAL WITHIN THE NEXT 10 DAYS (INCLUDES HANDLING, FREIGHT AND ANY OTHER CHARGES, WEIGHTS AVERAGE ABOUT 3.50 POUNDS)

EASTERN REGION LIGHT LIVE HENS Prices were unchanged when compared to a week earlier. Demand was light to moderate. Offerings were mostly adequate to at least adequate. Processing schedules were normal. Trade sentiment was steady.

	RANGE	MAJORITY
REMOVAL COST	6-12	9-11

SOUTH CENTRAL LIGHT LIVE HENS Trading was TFEWR. Demand was light for ample offerings. Schedules were reduced. Finished sales were fair. Trade sentiment was steady at best.

	RANGE	MAJORITY
REMOVAL COST	TOO FEW TO REPORT	

NORTH CENTRAL LIGHT LIVE HENS Removal prices were unchanged. Demand was light to fairly good with offerings usually adequate to cover needs. Schedules varied. Trade sentiment steady.

	RANGE	MAJORITY
REMOVAL COST	5-11	6-9

WEST COAST LIGHT Plant schedules light to moderate. Offerings lighter.

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP) *

PRELIMINARY PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 30-OCT-06

SOUTH CENTRAL HEAVY LIVE HEN Negotiations were TFEWR. Demand was light for fully adequate supplies of spent heavy hens. Schedules were reduced. Finished sales were improved, but only fair. Trade sentiment was steady at best.

	RANGE	MAJORITY
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	TOO FEW TO REPORT	

* WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

SOUTHEAST HEAVY LIVE HEN Sales were too few to report prices. Demand was fair to moderate for the adequate to fully adequate offerings of spent hens. Processing schedules for next week were noted as mostly normal. Sales of finished product was fair. The undertone was steady.

	RANGE	MAJORITY
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	TOO FEW TO REPORT	
AT FARM PRODUCER LOADING	TOO FEW TO REPORT	
FOB PLANT	TOO FEW TO REPORT	

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